

AMENDMENT NO. 2157

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a sponsor of amendment No. 2157 intended to be proposed to S. 2155, a bill to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 433—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT OF 2017 WOULD HARM THE ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES AND PLACE AN UNDUE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES AND MULTIPLE STATES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. RES. 433

Whereas the Internet has continued to drive economic growth, productivity, and innovation over the last several decades;

Whereas the Internet promotes a nationwide economic environment that facilitates innovation, promotes efficiency, and empowers small businesses and entrepreneurs, especially those in rural communities in the United States, to broadly share their goods and services;

Whereas small businesses and entrepreneurs rely heavily on Internet access to provide them with access to new markets, additional consumers, and opportunities to compete in a global economy;

Whereas the exemptions in the Marketplace Fairness Act (S. 976) (referred to in this preamble as the "Marketplace Fairness Act") are wholly inadequate to ensure that small businesses and entrepreneurs are not harmed by the Marketplace Fairness Act;

Whereas it should not be the role of small businesses and entrepreneurs to help shore up the finances of States and localities through an online sales tax;

Whereas, if enacted, the Marketplace Fairness Act would—

(1) create an online sales tax for all consumers, including consumers in States that have chosen to oppose sales taxes; and

(2) overwhelmingly benefit large corporate entities at the expense of small businesses and entrepreneurs; and

Whereas compliance with the Marketplace Fairness Act would place an undue burden on small businesses and entrepreneurs by—

(1) requiring small businesses and entrepreneurs to remit taxes to nearly 10,000 different tax jurisdictions across the United States and its territories;

(2) exposing small businesses and entrepreneurs to the risk of unnecessary and costly audits in nearly 10,000 different tax jurisdictions; and

(3) forcing small businesses and entrepreneurs to spend time and money purchasing expensive technology and hiring staff to ensure compliance with the Marketplace Fairness Act: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the unique role that the Internet plays in helping small businesses,

entrepreneurs, and rural communities in the United States to be economically viable;

(2) declares that enactment of the Marketplace Fairness Act of 2017 (S. 976) would harm the economy of the United States and place burdensome and bureaucratic policies on small businesses and entrepreneurs; and

(3) recognizes that enactment of the Marketplace Fairness Act of 2017 (S. 976) would provide no economic benefit to States that do not have sales taxes or small businesses in those States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2209. Mr. ROUNDS (for Mr. CORKER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2286, to amend the Peace Corps Act to provide greater protection and services for Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2209. Mr. ROUNDS (for Mr. CORKER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2286, to amend the Peace Corps Act to provide greater protection and services for Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 13, line 9, insert "the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives," after "Senate".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I have 8 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "State Fragility, Growth, and Development: Designing Policy Approaches that Work."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The Freedom of Information Act: Examining the Administration's Progress on Reforms and Looking Ahead."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during

the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CYBERSECURITY

The Subcommittee on Cybersecurity of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION, TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION, AND THE INTERNET

The Subcommittee on Communication, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Rebuilding Infrastructure in America: Investing in Next Generation Broadband."

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND MERCHANT MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Rebuilding Infrastructure in America: Investing in State and local Transportation Needs."

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a fellow in my office, Carissa Cyran, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NICK CASTLE PEACE CORPS REFORM ACT OF 2018

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 308, S. 2286.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2286) to amend the Peace Corps Act to provide greater protection and services for Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments, as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italics.)

S. 2286

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act of 2018".